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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gang Bao et al.)
Serial No.: 10/694,243) Art Unit: 1743
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For: Multifunctional Magnetic)
Nanoparticle Probes for Intracellular)
Molecular Imaging and Monitoring)

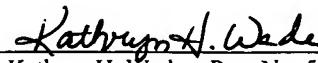
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 3, 2005,
Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request
reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mailstop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 9, 2005.


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